

Weekly Weather Crop Report

Week Ending: November 3, 1996

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 3.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending November 3, 1996. The main farming activities for the week were harvesting cotton and soybeans. Wet conditions throughout the state slowed harvesting, but benefitted winter pastures. Cattlemen in the northern part of the state began feeding hay this week. Soil moisture is 1 percent very short, 10 percent short, 50 percent adequate and 39 percent surplus.

Progress in Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1995	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Cotton	Harvested	93	89	98	84	---	---	---	---	---
Soybeans	Shedding Leaves	100	97	100	98	1	13	22	54	10
	Harvested	77	74	92	69					
Wheat	Planted	79	68	69	59	---	1	17	74	8
	Emerged	54	---	49	43					
Pecans	Harvested	27	20	26	29	8	18	27	43	4
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	86	82	96	92	5	3	17	70	5
Cattle						1	4	28	60	7
Pasture						---	---	---	---	---

County Agent Comments

"Farmers need some dry weather to complete the best harvest in years. Pastures and wheat have benefitted from the rain."

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"Producers in Madison County are just about finished harvesting row crops. Most farmers are busy cleaning equipment and planning for the 1997 crop season."

— Otis L. Davis, Madison County

"Wet weather continues to delay second picking on cotton; otherwise, harvest is almost complete for 1996."

— Fred W. Rose, Webster County

"Cotton harvest is rapidly coming to a close. Yields reportedly are excellent to good. Soybeans are yielding in the 30's and 40's. We are over half harvested on beans but not much work was done the later part of the week."

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha County

"Remaining beans have been harvested. Rain last week was welcomed on winter grazing. Some late winter grazing was planted this week. Early grazing has begun on some farms."

— Victor Lee, Newton County

"Rainfall has stopped all field work. A frost would help soybeans that have not been harvested."

— Don Respass, Bolivar County

"Last week's weather was ideal for wheat and ryegrass growth. Hopefully some producers will be able to start grazing those crops by mid-November."

— Brad Horton, Marion County

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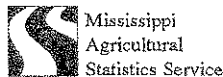
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Weather Summary From October 28, 1996 to November 3, 1996 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation					4 Inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks		Max	Min	Ave	
1. Upper Delta														
Clarksdale	86	41	62	60	+2	1.12	+0.41	2	4.02		86	51	65	0.18
Cleveland	86	33	62			1.25		4	3.09					
Tunica														
Extreme/Average	86	33	62	60	+2	1.19	+0.48	3	3.56		86	51	65	0.18
2. North-Central														
Holly Springs	82	25	58	57	+2	0.94	+0.39	4	6.12		75	49	64	0.13
Memphis	74	30	58	60	-4	1.04	+0.41	2	7.40					
Oxford	85	41	68	58	+0	0.68	+0.07	2	5.34					
Extreme/Average	85	25	61	58	+3	0.89	+0.29	3	5.95		75	49	64	0.13
3. Northeast														
Booneville	80	29	59	58	+1	2.93	+2.16	3	5.34					
Corinth	84	26	60	58	+2	1.78	+1.21	3	4.75					
Iuka	80	25	57			3.22		4	6.00					
Pontotoc	85	28	61	59	+2	1.58	+0.90	4	4.48		76	50	66	0.14
Tupelo	78	29	57	59	-2	1.41	+0.73	2	3.62					
Verona														
Extreme/Average	85	25	59	58	+0	2.18	+1.50	3	4.84		76	50	66	0.14
4. Lower Delta														
Belzoni	86	51	70	61	+0	0.16	-0.70	2	2.95		82	66	74	
Greenwood	82	32	60	61	-1	1.54	+0.97	1	4.16					
Rolling Fork	88	34	64			0.46	-0.45	2	3.29		85	58	74	0.09
Stoneville														
Yazoo City	88	37	67	62	+5	0.32	-0.37	1	4.20					
Extreme/Average	88	32	65	61	+4	0.62	-0.14	2	3.65		85	58	74	0.09
5. Central														
Carthage	86	29	66	60	+6	0.09	-0.69	2	2.47					
Jackson	84	33	62	61	+1	0.14	-0.40	3	1.53					
Winona														
Extreme/Average	86	29	64	61	+3	0.12	-0.54	3	2.00					
6. East-Central														
Brooksville														
Columbus	82	28	58			0.14		2	1.64					
State University	87	37	67	60	+7	1.48	+0.88	3	3.23		80	47	67	
Extreme/Average	87	28	63	60	+2	0.81	+0.21	3	2.44		80	47	67	
7. Southwest														
Crystal Springs	88	33	67			0.17		1	2.24		83	50	72	
Natchez	82	33	64	65	-0	0.20	-0.57	1	3.26					
Oakley	88	30	64			0.17	-0.54	1	2.00		82	52	69	
Vicksburg														
Extreme/Average	88	30	65	65	+0	0.18	-0.56	1	2.50		83	50	71	
8. South-Central														
Columbia	84	35	68	63	+5	0.08	-0.82	2	7.28					
McComb	85	36	63	63	-0	0.12	-0.53	1	3.09					
Extreme/Average	85	35	65	63	+3	0.10	-0.68	2	5.19					
9. Southeast														
Beaumont	86	34	67			0.43		1	4.27		83	50	72	
Hattiesburg	85	35	67	63	+4	0.08	-0.68	2	5.88					
Laurel														
Meridian	85	31	61	61	+1	0.08	-0.68	1	2.13					
Newton	85	29	66	60	+6	0.10	-0.72	1	1.98		75	49	65	0.14
Extreme/Average	86	29	65	61	+4	0.17	-0.58	1	3.57		83	49	69	0.14
10. Coastal														
Bay St Louis	85	55	73			0.12		1	3.21					
Biloxi	81	41	68			0.04		1	0.15					
Gulfport	82	44	69	66	+4	0.27	-0.84	3	0.31					
Pascagoula	83	37	67	67	+0	0.14	-1.18	2	0.74					
Poplarville	85	37	68	65	+4	0.30	-0.77	2	3.27		81	57	71	0.18
Extreme/Average	85	37	69	66	+3	0.17	-1.00	2	1.54		81	57	71	0.18
State	88	25	64	61	+3	0.64	-0.11	2	3.52		86	47	68	0.14

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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